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Malheur County Fair Will Be Held Here September 21 to 24 Inclusive

TRY TO CHANGE STATE HIGHWAY

Will Make Shorter Road to Build Across the State

WILL MAKE EASIER GRADE

H. M. Logan Returns From Trip to Four Counties

Declaring there is still a chance to change the route of the state highway, an organized move is starting in Gilliam, Wheeler, Grant and Malheur counties which has for its purpose the changing of the state highway from the Columbia river a short distance above the Dalles, and to take a short cut in a southeasterly direction, connecting with the Idaho state highway at Ontario and Fruitland. The proposed change will shorten the highway across the state 120 miles, and will bring it through the lowest pass in the Blue Mountains.

H. M. Logan, manager of the Eastern Oregon Land Company, returned last week from a trip through this country and brings news of the organized effort to change the route. The matter has been brought to the attention of the Malheur County Court, and Judge McKnight has promised to use his influence as County Judge, to help in the campaign. The good roads committee of the Commercial club has been enlisted in the move, and steps will be taken immediately to organize Malheur county and send representatives to the general organization to map out the campaign.

Much opposition is expected from La Grande, Pendleton and Baker, these cities naturally wanting the highway to go by the northern route. Some effort has been made about three years ago to change the route away from La Grande and Pendleton and Baker, at which time those towns and communities formed strong organization and apparently settled the dispute in their favor. However, the Forest Service has now taken up the matter, it is said, and will make valuable aid in getting the route changed.

The proposed change will bring the highway through the most picturesque part of the state. According to the new route, the highway would leave the Columbia river near Blalock and come through Condon, Fossil, Spray, Vale and across to Vale and Ontario. It is claimed there is practically a level grade all the way, and the highway would eliminate the steep mountain passes between Pendleton and La Grande and Baker. In addition to this the most scenic part of Oregon could be traversed. It is said that where in the west is the mountain scenery more beautiful than is to be seen along the proposed new route.

A feature of the new campaign that seems attractive, and which will offset the pressure which Pendleton, La Grande and Baker will bring to bear, is the fact that the highway is being built by general taxation, and western Oregon, where a greater per cent of the taxable property is, will not be in favor of spending money to build 120 miles of road, at a high cost, just to ease the northern cities.

Members, including Premier Okuma, Resign as Result of Charge. Tokyo.—The crisis in government circles brought about by charges of bribery against Viscount Kanetaka Oura, minister of the interior, led to the entire cabinet led by Premier Okuma tendering their resignations. Viscount Oura's resignation was presented and accepted by the emperor. The bribery charge grew out of the parliamentary elections last March. Premier Okuma, believing himself responsible for the acts of the members of his cabinet, was the first to tender his resignation. The other ministers immediately decided to follow the example of their chief.

Attention Please. With deep regret we announce that the quartette from the University of Oregon will not give their entertainment in the United Presbyterian church Aug. 5 as previously announced. They were unexpectedly called home in the midst of their tour of entertainments and had to cancel the above date.

POP CORN DAY AT OREGON BUILDING

Ten Thousand Bags of Corn to be Given Away to Visitors

The pop corn which the Commercial club is sending to the Oregon building at the San Francisco fair, has been purchased, and will be delivered within the next few days. The corn was bought from S. F. Pillsbury in the Big Bend section, 500 pounds having been secured. Frank Miller will shell the corn and deliver it to Ontario. It will be shipped by express to J. A. Lackey, representative from this county, and Mr. Lackey will secure someone in San Francisco to pop it. It is estimated that the 500 pounds will make about 10,000 bags of pop corn. This will be given away on a day designated, and will be known as "Pop Corn Day." A neat advertisement will be placed in each bag, telling where the corn came from.

Boys Go East.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boyer left early Sunday morning for Chicago, Boston and New York, on their annual purchasing tour. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer will be gone about four weeks, and will purchase the fall and winter stock of goods for Boyer Bros. & Co.

Arizona Drys Win Ruling.

Los Angeles.—The United States circuit court, sitting en banc, denied application for a temporary injunction to restrain the state authorities of Arizona from enforcing the prohibition amendment to the constitution. The court held that "near-beer" was alcohol, and its importation into the state was a violation of the state constitution.

REDFIELD SAYS CRITICS UNFAIR

Chicago.—With one week elapsed since the steamer Eastland sank at its wharf, with 2500 excursionists on board, investigation to determine the blame for the accident had simmered down to a federal grand jury inquiry, although a county grand jury continued to hear testimony, and Secretary Redfield, of the department of commerce, went ahead with the steamboat inspection examination required by law. Federal Judge Landis forbade the examination by others of witnesses desired for the federal grand jury and had taken possession of the vessel and all documentary evidence available. Secretary Redfield took notice of adverse criticism of his inquiry, and in a speech before the hearing said he was profoundly pained by the attacks made on him before he had had time to delve into the case. He offered to make any sort of an investigation anyone could suggest provided charges were properly filed against anyone. The total dead is placed at 836. While 158 are still reported missing by the Western Electric company, a possible total of 994, the missing list has rapidly dwindled.

Boys Conference Coming.

A reply to the invitation to hold the Boys Conference for Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho in Ontario, was received from Secretary I. B. Rhodes accepting the invitations. He expressed high appreciation of the hearty co-operation of the several organizations sending invitations. Conference will be held Dec. 10 to 12, 1915.

BETTER BABIES CONTEST IN AUG.

August 25, 26 and 27 are the Dates Set for Annual Event

WILL BE HELD AT VALE

Time for Registration Ends on the 15th., of August

Plans are being completed for the Better Babies Contest to be held by the Civic Improvement Club of Vale, at the court house, August 25, 26 and 27. In addition to the physical examination there will be a health exhibit consisting of the following: Proper clothing for the mother before the birth of the child; first clothes for the babe; things necessary for the bath; the best bed for a new baby, and, in fact, everything needed for the welfare and comfort of the mother and child. There will also be demonstrations of how to prepare the food for a bottle-fed baby. A competent attendent will be in charge of the exhibit and will give short talks to the mothers every afternoon. Each evening there will be a lecture by a well known physician on subjects of vital interest to parents. There will be no charge for any of these talks or for the examination. All of the physicians of the county will be present and will assist with examinations sometime during the contest. Following are the rules governing the contest:

1. All babies of Malheur county between the ages of 12 and 48 months inclusive, are eligible.
2. Application blanks will be mailed to any one asking for them and should be filled out and returned as early as possible in order that appointment cards may be sent out.
3. All entries must be made prior to August 15th.
4. No baby will be examined unless regularly entered.
5. No child suffering from any contagious disease may be entered.

GENERAL BOTHA

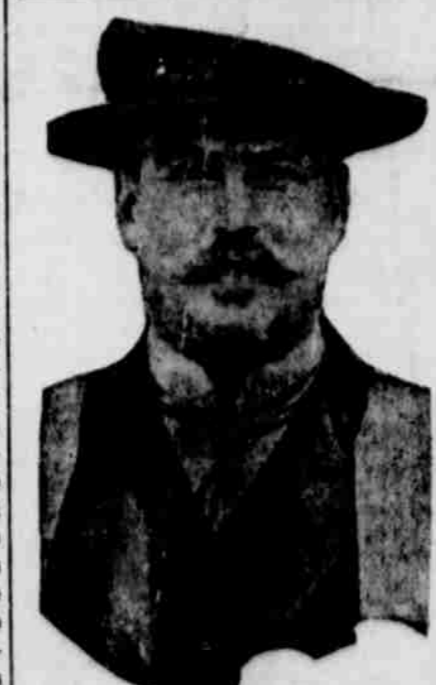


Photo by American Press Association. General Botha, former Boer leader, now premier of South Africa, who led an army against the German South African Colonies and captured them.

Fire Blight Spreading.

Pendleton, Or.—Frequent complaints have been made of the effect of fire blight on fruit trees in this city recently. The disease has been unknown here. In the Milton-Freewater section fire blight has damaged the orchards to such an extent that revaluations of properties are being made by the tax assessor, to allow for the injuries to crops.

The dates for the Malheur County Fair have been set for September 21, 22, 23 and 24. This was decided at a meeting of the fair directors held yesterday in the city hall and the officials of the fair have already started to work arranging for the best fair ever held in Malheur county. The fair is an annual event for Ontario, and is looked forward to by people of this section with much anticipation.

LOCAL MAN HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Charged with taking \$9.00 in cash from the person of Francisco Leas a Mexican laborer, E. A. Price, proprietor of the Goddard Bar in Ontario, was bound over to the county grand jury, at his preliminary hearing before City Recorder H. B. Grauel last Friday afternoon and evening. According to Night Marshall Walter Burgess, who was the principal witness for the prosecution, Price was seen to feel over the Mexican shortly after midnight Thursday night, as the Mexican lay drunk and asleep on Main Street. The Mexican testified that he had \$9.00 in cash in his pocket when he fell asleep, but admits he was drunk. During his story he claimed to have changed a ten dollar gold piece at the Carter Bar shortly before midnight, but the bartender there says the Mexican did not do so. Burgess, in his testimony, claims that Price practically admitted the crime when first arrested. The case will probably come up at the next meeting of the grand jury.

Has No Expectations and No Plans Looking to Holding Political Office. Portland.—William Jennings Bryan intends to take just as active a part in politics for the rest of his life as his opportunities and abilities allow. He made that plain in a formal interview after having read an interview in a local paper which put him in the light of parrying the question of his presidential intentions. But that program he has mapped out for himself does not include any more public offices for himself. He made that also plain in the following words:

"I have no political expectations whatever and no plans looking to the holding of any office in the future. The work which I have mapped out for my remaining years does not include the occupying of any political position."

RUSSIA READY TO ABANDON WARSAW

London.—The Russian war minister, speaking at the opening session of the Duma at Petrograd, made what was regarded as an official announcement that Warsaw will be given up. He admitted that the Austro-Germans were enveloping the territory and military districts of the Polish capital, and declared:

"We shall perhaps yield to the enemy a portion of this region, falling back on positions where our army will prepare for a resumption of the offensive. We shall perhaps give up Warsaw, as in 1812 we gave up Moscow, in order to insure final victory."

The German and Austrian campaign for the possession of Warsaw was met by the Russians with strong counter-offensive movements against the attacks from the Vistula, near Ivangorod, between the upper Vistula and the Bug, and in the Narew sector near Rozan.

In the eastern sector of the Lublin region, where for days the fighting has been extremely violent, several additional points have been evacuated by the Russians, according to Berlin, and they are declared to be in retreat on both banks of the Bug and on the front between the Bug and south of Leczna.

The Russians have been ejected from the heights near Podzamcze, on the east bank of the Vistula, in the region of Ivangorod, and to the south, near Kurow, which lies eastward of Nowo Alexandria.

Thus the Teutonic allies are driving their wedges both eastward from the Vistula and northward between the Bug and the Vistula in their mighty effort to envelop the forces of the Russian grand duke.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED BY SNIPS

Bluejackets from Cruiser Are Attacked at Port-au-Prince

OUT-BREAK AT PORT-AU-PRINCE

Attack Comes at Eight in the Evening. U. S. Aid Asked

Washington.—Two American bluejackets were killed in an attack by natives on Port-au-Prince, Haiti, held by Rear-Admiral Caperton with 400 men from the cruiser Washington. The attacking party was beaten off without having approached closer than the outskirts of the city, and order was maintained in the city itself. No sailors were wounded and the loss of the attacking force was not reported.

The dead are William Gompers, seaman, of Brooklyn, and Cason S. Whitehurst, ordinary seaman, of Norfolk, Va.

The attack came at 8 o'clock in the evening, the bluejacket battalion bearing the brunt of the fighting. From the brush, beyond the last houses, snipers opened fire on them. The fire was returned and the attackers driven off but not before Gompers and Whitehurst had been killed.

With the consent of the United States, French marines have been landed at Port-au-Prince. A detachment from the cruiser Descartes is now guarding the French legation.

A request for the guard was presented by the French minister at Port-au-Prince and cabled to Washington by Rear-Admiral Caperton, in command of the American expeditionary forces. The French minister had expressed an urgent desire that his legation be guarded by French sailors, inasmuch as the Descartes had arrived at Port-au-Prince. The minister also thought the French guard would be able to lighten the burden on Admiral Caperton's 400 men.

EDWARD D. BALDWIN



Edward D. ("Ned") Baldwin, secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, talked about as a possible candidate for Secretary of State of Oregon.

Church Union is Proposed.

Eugene.—Demand for the elimination of church competition in small towns unable to support several denominations, the radical but chief theme of the third annual State Inter-Denominational Ministerial Conference in session here, took expression in the creation of a state-wide inter-denominational church commission, delegated to work out some method of unification.

Buy Chapman Property.

Wm. McBratney closed a deal Monday whereby he becomes the owner of the Chapman residence in the northwest part of the city. The Chapman property is one of the nicest homes in Ontario, the house being strictly modern, and the grounds include five lots, with many shade trees.

J. A. LAGKEY HEADS NEW ORGANIZATION

Organization Made Permanent For Good of Work

Eastern Oregon scored another victory this week. In the selection of officers for the permanent organization of those connected with Oregon activities at the exposition, Mr. J. A. Lackey, of Malheur county and director of the Eastern Oregon booth was made chairman, while J. A. Ward, of Coos and Curry, was made secretary. Since Commissioner Logan's arrival at the building there have been weekly or semi-weekly meetings of all connected in any way with the work there, and these have proved so successful in securing desired results that it was determined to make a permanent organization. Mr. Lackey, because of his geniality and lack of vitriol in his system was placed in the seat of honor. The meetings will continue as heretofore and each and every person will have fullest opportunity to voice suggestions for the good of the cause. This makes it possible for all to work together in unity and to assist Manager Hyland in the effective work that is being done.

Mahan's Return.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Mahan returned the first of the week from Salem where they have been visiting the past five weeks. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Mahan's father, Wm. Richmond. The trip was made in Mr. Mahan's automobile, and he states that they found good roads, generally. They went to Willamette valley by the Southern Oregon route, and returned by the Columbia Highway and through Pendleton, La Grande and Baker.

KAISER DECLARES CONSCIENCE CLEAR

London.—Emperor William has issued a manifesto to the German people on the occasion of the anniversary of the outbreak of the war, according to a dispatch received in Amsterdam from Berlin. In the manifesto, which was issued from the main headquarters of the German army, the emperor says:

"Before God and history my conscience is clear. I did not will the war. After preparations for a whole decade the coalition powers, to whom Germany had become too great, believed that the moment had come to humiliate the empire, which loyally stood by her Austro-Hungarian ally in a just cause, or to crush it in an overwhelming circle. No lust for conquest, as I already announced a year ago, has driven us into the war."

"Full of gratitude, we can say that God was with us. The enemy armies who boasted that they would enter Berlin in a few months are with heavy blows driven back far east and west. Numberless battlefields in various parts of Europe and naval battles off near and distant coasts testify what German anger in self-defense and German strategy can do. No violation of international law by our enemies will be able to shake the economic foundation of our conduct of the war."

Ice Cream Social.

There will be an ice cream social at the Kingman Colony school house the evening of Saturday, August 7. The proceeds are to be used to pay the sum which the ladies still owe on the school house piano, and to purchase a cover for the piano. An excellent program will be given and everyone is invited to attend.

COUNCIL HOLDS REGULAR MEET

Cemetery Association Asks For Vacation of Utah Ave.

MANY MATTERS DISCUSSED

Many Wooden Sidewalks to Be Repaired by the City

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held Monday night in the city hall, at which time several matters of importance were considered. The Ontario Cemetery Association presented a petition asking for the vacation of that part of Utah Avenue lying between blocks 305 and 306, and also the alley running north and south through these blocks. An ordinance was introduced, granting the petition, and the ordinance was given its first reading. It will come up for further reading and passage at the next regular meeting of the council.

This is another step by the Cemetery Association toward straightening out the tangle at the cemetery. It is said that the street which is asked to be vacated, has not been used as a street, and that already there are graves in it. The association soon expects to have the cemetery platted out, all entanglements straightened out, and have the matter ready to turn over to the city.

The general condition of wooden walks in the city also came up for discussion, and the street commissioner asked that a large number in the residence district be condemned. The matter was referred to the street committee, and an ordinance for this purpose will probably be presented at the next regular meeting of the council. A cement cross walk was ordered constructed on Main street from the corner of the Moore hotel across to the Wilson corner. Also a cross walk was ordered in across the alley at the telephone office. The street commissioner was instructed to repair all wooden cross walks where needed.

The city recorder was instructed to purchase another car of oil, which will be used on the streets in the business section as soon as it arrives. The recorder was also instructed to secure maps for the city of Villa Park addition, Terrace Heights addition and Riverside addition.

Congress to Be Card-indexed in Fight For Woman Suffrage.

Washington.—If making a card-index of the members of congress, listing the maiden name of each one's wife, cataloging each one's business affiliations, making sure to what religious body each belongs, and "using every legitimate means" based on such information, can win the vote for women, opponents of suffrage would better look out. For this is the latest plan for the fall campaign to be conducted by the Congressional Union for Women's Suffrage.

"By the time congress meets we shall have every member of the senate and house indexed, so that we can tell just how he stands on our proposition. If he is for it, we will know, and give ourselves no more concern about him; but if he is against it, we shall leave no stone unturned to bring him in line," said a statement of the union.

Trade With Germany Falls Off.

Washington.—The effect of the war on the trade of this country with Germany is clearly shown in a statement of the declared value of exports to the United States through the ports of Hamburg, Kiel and Luebeck, made public by the department of commerce. During the first six months of 1914, these ports sent to the United States goods valued at \$14,994,585. This year, in the same period, the shipments amounted to \$1,153,357.